Import of Maize

2094. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import maize to meet the demands of the poultry farmers; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) It is proposed that maize be imported upto 10 lakh tonnes through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), under counter trade arrangements, aid etc. to meet the demands of the poultry farmers.

(b) The import of maize, source of import etc. will depend upon aid availability and other details and also counter trade arrangements being considered by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED).

Secret Indo-Israel trade in insecticides

2095. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the secret Indo-Israel trade in insecticides by private companies; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DDA flats for retired/retiring Government employees

2096. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time schedule fixed by the DDA for the construction of flats of MIG and LIG category for persons registered under the 1985 scheme for retiring/retired Central Government employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that construction of MIG category is going far behind the schedule, if so, what are the reasons therefor and the present stage of progress; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to complete the construction for MIG category within the scheduled time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The D.D.A. has reported that there is a general delay in completion of houses under all categories like SFS, MIG, LIG, Janta etc. due to various constraints like availability of funds, land and building materials, /court cases, abondoning of works by contractors and delay in providing infrastructural facilities by agencies like MCD/DESU. The DDA is making efforts to overcome the constraints and to clear the backlog of the registrants in its different housing schemes. While no separate time-schedule has been fixed by the DDA for construction of MIG and LIG flats for retiring/retired Central Government employees, if every thing goes well the DDA proposes to allot flats to 50 percent of the registrants under this scheme by March, 1988 and the remaining 50 per cent by December, 1988.

Payments to the producers of the films

2097. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND